

S. 3938. An original bill to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE for the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

*Roger Romulus Martella, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

*Brigadier General Bruce Arlan Berwick, United States Army, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission.

*Colonel Gregg F. Martin, United States Army, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission.

*Brigadier General Robert Crear, United States Army, to be a Member and President of the Mississippi River Commission.

*Rear Admiral Samuel P. De Bow, Jr., NOAA, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission.

*William H. Graves, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2007.

By Mr. SPECTER for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Kent A. Jordan, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

John Alfred Jarvey, of Iowa, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa.

Sara Elizabeth Lioi, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 3935. A bill to direct the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe rules to prohibit deceptive conduct in the rating of video and computer games and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. BURNS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. ALLEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. TALENT, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. CRAIG, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SMITH, Mr. KOHL, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 3936. A bill to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy; read the first time.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 3937. A bill to require the Federal Aviation Administration to finalize the proposed rule relating to the reduction of fuel tank

flammability exposure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. 3938. An original bill to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. 3939. A bill to require the Food and Drug Administration to establish restrictions regarding the qualifications of physicians to prescribe the abortion drug commonly known as RU-486; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 3940. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and expand tax incentives that promote affordable education; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 3941. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to fully allow students to live in units eligible for the low-income housing credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 3942. A bill to establish the Paterson Great Falls National Park in the State of New Jersey, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. DODD, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 3943. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to reimburse jurisdictions for amounts paid or incurred in preparing, producing, and using contingency paper ballots in the November 7, 2006, Federal general election; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 3944. A bill to provide for a one year extension of programs under title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. CHAFFEE):

S. 3945. A bill to provide for the provision by hospitals of emergency contraceptives to women, and post-exposure prophylaxis for sexually transmitted disease to individuals, who are survivors of sexual assault; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. Res. 585. A resolution commending the New Orleans Saints of the National Football League for winning their Monday Night Football game on Monday, September 25, 2006 by a score of 23 to 3; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. Res. 586. A resolution celebrating 40 years of achievements of medical coders, and encouraging the medical coding community to continue providing accurate medical claims and statistical reporting to the peo-

ple of the United States and to the world; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. Res. 587. A resolution expressing concern relating to the threatening behavior of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the ideological alliance that exists between the countries of Cuba and Venezuela, and supporting the people of Iran, Cuba, and Venezuela in the quest of those peoples to achieve a truly democratic form of government; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 474

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 474, a bill to establish the Mark O. Hatfield-Elizabeth Furse Scholarship and Excellence in Tribal Governance Foundation, and for other purposes.

S. 503

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 503, a bill to expand Parents as Teachers programs and other quality programs of early childhood home visitation, and for other purposes.

S. 1141

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1141, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to regulate ammonium nitrate.

S. 1353

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1353, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1687

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1687, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers.

S. 1915

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1915, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 2135

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2135, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to report to Congress concerning proposed changes to long-standing policies that prohibit foreign interests from exercising actual control over the economic, competitive, safety, and security decisions

of United States airlines, and for other purposes.

S. 2154

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2154, a bill to provide for the issuance of a commemorative postage stamp in honor of Rosa Parks.

S. 2414

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2414, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require broker reporting of customer's basis in securities transactions, and for other purposes.

S. 2491

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 2491, a bill to award a Congressional gold medal to Byron Nelson in recognition of his significant contributions to the game of golf as a player, a teacher, and a commentator.

S. 3128

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3128, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for uniform food safety warning notification requirements, and for other purposes.

S. 3238

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL), the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) were added as cosponsors of S. 3238, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

S. 3325

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3325, a bill to promote coal-to-liquid fuel activities.

S. 3519

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3519, a bill to reform the State inspection of meat and poultry in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 3535

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3535, a bill to modernize and update the National Housing Act and to enable the Federal Housing Administration to use risk based pricing to more effectively reach underserved borrowers, and for other purposes.

S. 3623

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3623, a bill to promote coal-to-liquid fuel activities.

S. 3696

At the request of Mr. BROWNBAC, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3696, a bill to amend the Revised Statutes of the United States to prevent the use of the legal system in a manner that extorts money from State and local governments, and the Federal Government, and inhibits such governments' constitutional actions under the first, tenth, and fourteenth amendments.

S. 3705

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3705, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve requirements under the Medicaid program for items and services furnished in or through an educational program or setting to children, including children with developmental, physical, or mental health needs, and for other purposes.

S. 3771

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) were added as cosponsors of S. 3771, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

At the request of Mr. DAYTON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3771, *supra*.

S. 3787

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3787, a bill to establish a congressional Commission on the Abolition of Modern-Day Slavery.

S. 3814

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3814, a bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore the Medicare treatment of ownership of oxygen equipment to that in effect before enactment of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.

S. 3855

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 3855, a bill to provide emergency agricultural disaster assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 3862

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of

S. 3862, a bill to amend the Animal Health Protection Act to prohibit the Secretary of Agriculture from implementing or carrying out a National Animal Identification System or similar requirement, to prohibit the use of Federal funds to carry out such a requirement, and to require the Secretary to protect information obtained as part of any voluntary animal identification system.

S. 3877

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) were added as cosponsors of S. 3877, a bill entitled the "Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Improvement and Enhancement Act of 2006".

S. 3880

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBAC) were added as cosponsors of S. 3880, a bill to provide the Department of Justice the necessary authority to apprehend, prosecute, and convict individuals committing animal enterprise terror.

S. 3900

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3900, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the quality and efficiency of health care, to provide the public with information on provider and supplier performance, and to enhance the education and awareness of consumers for evaluating health care services through the development and release of reports based on Medicare enrollment, claims, survey, and assessment data.

S. 3912

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. 3912, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the exceptions process with respect to caps on payments for therapy services under the Medicare program.

S. 3913

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of S. 3913, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to eliminate funding shortfalls for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) for fiscal year 2007.

S. RES. 549

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 549, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding modern-day slavery.

S. RES. 572

At the request of Mr. BURNS, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 572, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to raising awareness and enhancing the state of computer security in the United States, and supporting the goals and ideals of National Cyber Security Awareness Month.

AMENDMENT NO. 5023

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 5023 intended to be proposed to H.R. 6061, a bill to establish operational control over the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

AMENDMENT NO. 5028

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 5028 intended to be proposed to H.R. 6061, a bill to establish operational control over the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. BURNS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. ALLEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. TALENT, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. CRAIG, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SMITH, Mr. KOHL, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 3936. A bill to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy; read the first time.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the National Competitiveness Investment Act of 2006. Unfamiliar as it might sound to some, I am joined by the Democratic Leader, Senator REID, on this important legislation.

This truly is a bipartisan bill. It reflects the fact that when it comes to our country's economic future, there is wide bipartisan support for those policies that will keep the United States competitive in this ever changing, dynamic, global economy of the 21st century.

The bill we are introducing today is a product of many Senators who have come together . . . who put aside political affiliations . . . to craft a broad comprehensive bill. The legislation has evolved over the course of the 109th Congress.

Two years ago, under the leadership of Senators DOMENICI, ALEXANDER, and

BINGAMAN, the Senate Energy Committee asked the National Academies what were those policies that—if enacted—would enhance the science and technology enterprise so that the United States could successfully compete, prosper, and be secure in this new century.

Out of that request, the National Academies created a high level committee of experts headed by the respected former CEO of Lockheed, Norm Augustine.

Chairman Augustine put the problem in stark terms when he wrote last December: "In the five decades since I began working in the aerospace industry, I have never seen American business and academic leaders as concerned about this nation's future prosperity as they are today."

The U.S. today has the strongest scientific and technological enterprise in the world, including the best research universities. But there is growing evidence and recognition that our educational system is failing in those areas that have directly underpinned our strength—science, engineering, and mathematics. We must invest for the future in those areas if we are to maintain our technological edge in the world.

The Augustine report entitled "Rising Above the Gathering Storm" did identify four broad areas for policy action. These were: 1. Increase the talent pool by improving K-12 science and math education. 2. Strengthen the Nation's traditional commitment to research. 3. Increase the talent pool by improving higher education focus on training math and science teachers. 4. Improve incentives, primarily through the tax code, for innovation.

The President's budget also recognizes the need to target Federal resources on those areas that will allow the country to continue to lead in innovation.

The President's "American Competitiveness Initiative" similarly focuses on increasing resources for basic research and science, and by filling gaps in our education competitiveness agenda with expanded "Math Now", Adjunct Teacher Corps, and Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs.

Trying to put all this into one piece of legislation has been a challenge. Indeed, at least three different Senate Committees—Energy, Commerce, and HELP—all have jurisdiction over programs and policies in this area. This does not even address tax policies under the jurisdiction of the Finance Committee.

So in July I directed the three major Senate Committees with responsibility for authorizing legislation to combine their various proposals into one bill. The bill Senator REID and I introduce today is the result of a lot of hard work over the summer and August recess month.

First I want to acknowledge the leadership of Senator ENSIGN, Chairman of

the Commerce Subcommittee on Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness in helping to produce this legislation.

Second, I thank the Chairmen and Ranking Members of Energy, Commerce, and the HELP Committees for their dedication to this project—Senators DOMENICI, BINGAMAN, STEVENS, INOUE, ENZI, and KENNEDY.

Finally, Senators ALEXANDER, LIEBERMAN, HUTCHISON, NELSON, and MIKULSKI have contributed their time and insights into this important legislation and I am sure there are others I have failed to mention.

While the legislation does not address all of the issues raised in the various studies—it is doubtful anyone piece of legislation could—it nonetheless is a start, it is a good first step, and of course it is a bipartisan first step.

The legislation would, among other things: 1. Authorize a doubling of the funding for basic Federal research over the next 5 years at the National Science Foundation, and significantly expand funding for basic research at National Institute of Standards and Technology, the Department of Energy's Office of Science, and NASA. 2. Recruit and train needed new math and science teachers. 3. Create new Teachers Institutes to improve the teaching techniques for math and science. 4. Create a DOE—DARPA dedicated to the goal of increasing innovation and competitive breakthroughs in technology. 5. Expand scholarship programs to recruit and train math and science teachers at the K-12 level. 6. Increase the number of students taking Advanced Placement courses and entering International Baccalaureate programs, and 7. Increase funding for "early career" researchers.

Authorizations for these programs would total \$73 billion over the next five years, less than \$2.0 billion above the President's request.

When we consider that over the next five years our economy will exceed \$76 trillion—a 1 percent investment for the future seems a small price to pay for our continued economic security and leadership in the world.

This legislation is the correct thing to do for the country's future economic security.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 3936

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National Competitiveness Investment Act".

SEC. 2. ORGANIZATION OF ACT INTO DIVISIONS; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) DIVISIONS.—This Act is organized into 4 divisions as follows:

- (1) DIVISION A.—Commerce and Science.
- (2) DIVISION B.—Department of Energy.